

Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting
June 16, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Caren Wilson, Marga Stone, April Jordan, Deborah Levy, Bob Lidfors.

Members Absent: Jamie Cloghessy (excused), Bob Buchanan (excused), Patricia Kepler (excused).

Guests: Peggy Martinez, Rob Solomon, Chair Human Rights advisory Commission.

Approval of the Previous Meetings Minutes: Deborah made a motion to approve the April, 2011 meeting minutes. Bob Lidfors seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Liaisons: Councilor San Soucie reported the June 21, 2011 City Council meeting would include public hearings on the 2011-12 City Budget and Urban renewal Plans. The proposed budget included: social services grants awards of \$367,000; storm and sewer capital improvement funding; and a 5-cent per \$1,000 reduction in property tax rates. If the Urban Renewal plan is passed it would move on to the voters on the November, 2011 ballot.

Reports: Peggy Martinez provided information on discount concert tickets available to lower income citizens through GoClassicalPDX .org

Old Business:

- City Taxi Service for Persons with Disabilities. No Action.
- Committee Priorities for 2011. Member participation in community events is part of the 2011 priorities. Upcoming events needing member participation were discussed. The list of City Picnics in the Park that will need committee members to attend is as follows: (picnics start at 6:00pm): July 13th – Schiffler Park; July 22nd – Carolwood Park; August 3rd – Camille Park; August 5th – Autumn Ridge Park. The THPRD Bow Wow Bash will be coming up in August 6th. Councilor San Soucie will invite Cindy Wilkins to attend the July meeting so the CDAC's participation in the October 20th Disabilities Resource Fair can be discussed.
- Member Attendance. Brad reported the two committee members who had not attended a meeting for many months were notified that they had removed from the Committee.
- 2011 Disabilities Resource Fair. The Committee agreed to sponsor and participate in the 2011 Disabilities Resource Fair. Councilor San Soucie will be in contact with Cindy Wilkins and invite her to the next meeting to discuss the Committee's involvement.

New Business:

- Rob Solomon, Chair of the City's Human Rights Advisory Commission shared his committee's objectives. Mr. Solomon has been on the Commission for four years and served as the Chair for three. The Commission deals with issues of discrimination of all types. While the Commission cannot take formal action on complaints of discrimination, it can provide referrals to resources that are available or to the City Council if necessary. Mr. Solomon asked that the CDAC consider the Human Rights Advisory Commission as a resource on issues of accessibility and if needed. The Commission has run a contest for kids (K through 12) for the past eight years that touches on human rights and discrimination. This year the contest centered around creative expression using all forms of media (cd's, plays, artwork, etc...) and saw 80 to 100 submissions. Mr. Solomon invited members of the CDAC to attend meetings of the Human Rights Advisory Commission. Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm in the main conference room at the City Library.
- The issue Peggy Martinez brought up a concern of the lack of access to curb ramps from buses around the City Library when the Farmer's Market is open. Apparently vehicles park along the street blocking access to curb ramps.
- Deborah Levy suggested inviting a guest speaker from the NW Down Syndrome or Down Syndrome Network of Oregon. The members agreed to invite a guest from the organizations.
- Brad mentioned that Mr. Junichi Shibatani may be soon contacting those members who expressed interest in participating as a support partner in the City Visioning program to begin work on Action items identified in the plan.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2011